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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENTS ON SOVIET ROB ITEM

1. FROM ONE OF SECRETARIAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICERS
MACAIRE PEDANOU (USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE) MISOFF LEARNED
SOVIETS HAVE BEEN DOING EXTENSIVE LOBBYING TO OBTAIN
SPEAKERS OUTSIDE SOVIET BLOC GROUP ON ROB ITEM AND HAVE
BEEN MEETING LITTLE SUCCESS. PEDANOU SAID HE BELIEVES
SOVIETS REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT OF ROB DISCUSSION TO WEEK
OF NOV. 19 FOR THIS REASON. AS OF MORNING NOV. 15,
FOLLOWING ARE THE FEW SPEAKERS INSCRIBED TO SPEAK ON
ITEM: BRAZIL, MAURITIUS, HUNGARY, GDR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA
AND BULGARIA; MONGOLIA (TENTATIVELY). PEDANOU SAID
MAURITIUS AGREED TO SPEAK AT SOVIET REQUEST, BUT HE DID
NOW KNOW ABOUT BRAZILIANS.

2. AS FURTHER INDICATION THAT LACK OF SPEAKERS IS POSSIBLE
REASON USSR CALLED FOR POSTPONEMENT OF ROB DISCUSSION, ALT
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PRESENTATIVE OF SOVIET DELEGATION ANTOSYAK, IN MIDST

OF EXPLAINING SOVIET VIEW ON OAU (CALLING FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN OAU AND UN) IN NOV 15 PLENARY MEETING, MADE SPECIFIC PLEA TO NON-ALIGNED AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO TAKE "ACTIVE PART" IN ROB DISCUSSION. ANTOSYAK ALSO SAID THAT ROB ITEM, SIERRA LEONE ITEM ON WIDENING GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES AND WDC ITEM ARE INTERRELATED PROPOSALS FROM WHICH AFRICANS WOULD BENEFIT. SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID ALL THREE ITEMS WOULD RELEASE FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

3. CHAO WEI (CHINA) RAISED ROB WITH MISOFF NOV 15, SAID CHINESE EXPECT MOST OF NON-ALIGNED TO VOTE FOR IT ALTHOUGH NON-ALIGNED AGREE WITH CHINA THAT IT IS A FRAUD. HE SAID CHINESE MISSION HAS NOT ATTEMPTED TO LOBBY STRONGLY AGAINST ROB.

4. MISOFF QUERIED MOST WE DELS NOV 15 (EXCLUDING UK) ON THEIR PLANS REGARDING ROB. IT SEEMS LIKELY MOST OR ALL WILL ABSTAIN AND THEY WILL SPEAK IF AT ALL ONLY IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE. FRENCH HOWEVER SAID THEY WILL SPEAK IN GENERAL DEBATE ON THE ITEM ("AS ONE OF FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS WE CONSIDER OURSELVES OBLIGED TO") AND WILL CONFINE THEMSELVES LARGELY TO RAISING QUESTION AND ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION ABOUT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE RESOLUTION.

5. FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH MISHRA (INDIA) NOV 15 REVEALED THERE IS NO NON-ALIGNED ROB DRAFT YET IN BEING (USUN 4775) BUT MISHRA SAID HE PLANNED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO STIMULATING WORK ON ONE. HE SAID NON-ALIGNED ARE COMPELLED TO DO THIS SINCE REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS WAS ORIGINALLY THEIR IDEA. NEITHER CHINESE NOR EUROPEANS WITH WHOM QUESTION DISCUSSED NOV 15 HAD HEARD ANY TALK OF A NON-ALIGNED ROB RESOLUTION.

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